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Ms. Janis Sigman, Manager Certificate of Need Program Office of Certification and Enforcement State of Washington Department of Health 310 Israel Road SE Building 4, Floor 3 Tumwater, WA 98501-5447

Dear Ms. Sigman:

In accordance with WAC 246-310-080, DaVita Inc. hereby submits a letter of intent regarding its intention to apply for a certificate of need for a twelve (12) station dialysis center in Tacoma, WA. In conformance with the requirements of WAC, the following information is provided:

A Description of the Extent of Services Proposed:

DaVita Inc. intends to establish a twelve (12) station dialysis facility that will provide and support hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis and home hemodialysis. The facility will be located 3401 South 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98405.

Estimated Cost of the Proposed Project:

The capital expenditure associated with this project is estimated to be \$1,392,924.00, inclusive of the application fee.

Description of the Service Area:

The service area would be Pierce County Sub-Service Area Four (4).

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

Heather Ashbaugh

Regional Operations Director

Pacific Gold Region 6